

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 5

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

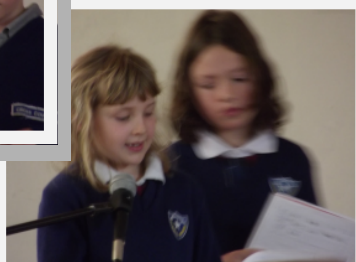
As you hear repeatedly on the radio, television or read in the paper, only ten days to go until the beginning of the Rugby World Cup. While it is a sporting event it also presents a unique opportunity to learn more about the diverse countries and cultures that will be taking part. As a school wide topic we have chosen this theme to encourage pupils to find out more about cultures other than our own and to develop an understanding of how huge and diverse our world is.

Last week I was privileged to watch our pupils perform in the 'Stars on Stage', the standard of their performance was exceptional and they looked to be really enjoying themselves. A huge thank you to Miss Cooper and all of the other people who helped in any way.

Tonight our Choir is performing in the biennial Catholic Schools Music Festival. They also have been practising very hard and I know that Mrs Dillon has been putting in a huge effort with this group of pupils.

Thank you for all of your donations for our mufti day today. Hopefully this will make a real difference to the people struggling in our community. Remember the old saying 'charity begins at home'.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**



Room 4 Assembly



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Uniform

Please remember that we at St Mary's have a uniform that we are very proud of. I have noticed recently a few occurrences of people not sticking to our uniform policy so please:

No wearing long sleeved poly propylene tops under short sleeved school tops.

No jewellery except watches and small stud earrings in the ears only.

Only dark blue, black or maroon hair ties.

Strictly black or brown **leather** school shoes.

Hockey

Reminder: Please remember to return your hockey tops this weekend.

A thought for the week...

Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it. Virtue is doing it.

Thomas Jefferson

Tissues

We are once again getting low on boxes of tissues. With all the colds around it's great to have a supply in the class room for the children to use. Please drop donations of tissues into your child's classroom.

Altar Servers Sunday 4th September
Lewis Middleton, Lilly McKewen & Jayla Kennedy.

Stars on Stage DVD

The official DVD costs \$20.

Orders and money to the school office by next Friday 9th September.

Looking Ahead Term 3

August

30th Catholic Schools Choir—Regent Theatre
-Tickets are still available from the Regent.

September

2nd Sausage Sizzle—Camp Fundraiser
8th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
9th Room 6 Assembly, 2.20pm Hall
15th School Cross Country
21/22 Parent Teacher Interviews
28th Public Speaking Competition
30th Room 5 Assembly, 2.20pm, Hall

'Stars on Stage' Dress Rehearsal



Stars on Stage



PTA News ...

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is ready and waiting to be filled. Please don't leave it too late to do your spring clean as we have the school holidays just before the fair.

- Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver into the hall.

Craft Stall

We are also having a craft stall this year, so if anyone would like to make some crafty things ie knitting, sewing, jewellery, home made cards, painted stones etc for this we would be grateful for these items.

Plant Stall

A big thank you to Elsie Middleton who has looked after this stall for the past four years! She has done a wonderful job and contributed a lot to the fair. We need a plant stall convenor for 2011, if you are interested contact Jacqui Dodson 489-1264. Also remember to start potting up bits and pieces so the plants will be ready for the fair.

Mufti Days

We have a couple more mufti days coming up before the Fair. We will be asking each family to bring along two grocery items, plus a tombola item worth about \$5. More details will follow.



Sport News ...

Congratulations to the Year 6/7 Silver Netball Team.



St Mary's Silver netball team, coached by Janene Will, have had a fantastic season. They finished 2nd in their section after the first round and were promoted to the next section up which they won in round two. They were awarded a trophy for winning their section and they also received another trophy for most improved team for having gone up a section and then winning. What a great effort!

Congratulations Pyper Johnson



Pyper plays football for the 8th grade Mosgiel Club Trailblazers team, coached by Sarah Michele. Clubs were asked from around Otago to nominate players in the 8th grade to be a mascot for the pre season match between the Wellington Phoenix and the Brisbane Roar at the Forsythbarr Stadium on the 20th August.

22 children from around Otago were picked to go and Pyper was very lucky to be one of them. They got to hold the hand of a player out onto the field, and during half time play a game of soccer with the other mascots. Pyper really loved being part of the experience and had an awesome time.

Swimsation

Learn to swim in Mosgiel -Enrolment day for all sites
Wednesday September 14 At Mosgiel Community Pool
3.30pm – 5.00pm

Free assessments! Free swimcap with every enrolment!

Lessons at 3 Mosgiel sites

Mosgiel Community Pool - Mon and Wed 3.30pm – 6.00pm for confident breathing school -age swimmers

Mosgiel West Community Pool – Tues and Thu 3.30pm – 6.00pm for beginner pre-school and school-age swimmers

Fairfield Primary School Pool – Saturdays 9.15am – 12noon for beginner pre-school and school-age swimmers

Can't make it to the registration day?

Email us: swimsation@dcc.govt.nz

Or call us: 4719659

Newsletter delay

Apologies for the delay in getting the newsletter out this week, but due to a problem with the hard drive of the office computer, we have had to wait for specialist help in getting this up and running again.